

SALE OF 'GAS' HERE TO UNDERGO PROBE

Complaints That Motorists Are
Getting Short Measure Reach
Merchants' Association.

STANDARD FOR FUEL ALSO TO BE SOUGHT

Regulation Defining and Prescribing
Test for Product Desired.
Booster Trip Planned.

Investigation of the sale of gasoline in the District is to be made by municipal officials and representatives of the Retail Merchants' Association. Complaints to the latter organization to the effect that gasoline is being sold, in many instances, at short measure and in inferior quality resulted in a conference on the subject today between Charles J. Columbus, secretary of the association, and Commissioner Brownlow, who has supervision of the District department of weights, measures and markets.

Mr. Columbus was asked to ascertain from the bureau of standards whether there is any law defining gasoline. If such a law exists, instances are found of gasoline being sold here that does not measure up to the standard. Request also was made of Mr. Columbus that he ascertain what laws and regulations are in effect in other cities regarding the sale of gasoline. As soon as this information is obtained, consideration will be given to the question of recommending an up-to-date law for the District that will cover the conditions complained of, it was said.

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To Study Foreign Nitrate Plants.

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RICHMOND, Va., September 27.—Mrs. Martha Harper, aged 104, of Trevillian station, Louisiana, widow of the Rev. George H. Harper, who served as a private in Capt. James Ramplie's company of Maryland militia in the war of 1812, has notified the state fair management that she intends to enter for exhibition a very fine bedspread which she made in 1832. Mrs. Harper says she is the only surviving woman pensioner of the war of 1812.

STEPS TAKEN TO GUARD AGAINST TYPHUS FEVER

Disinfecting Stations Established on
Mexican Border and Other Precautions Ordered.

To prevent typhus fever making its appearance among the soldiers on the Mexican border and to keep the dread disease out of this country next winter the public health service is already taking important measures for protection and prevention.

Disinfecting Stations Organized.

Dr. Sweet, one of the surgeons of the public health service, announced today that disinfecting stations are being organized at Brownsville, Laredo, Eagle Pass and El Paso, and disinfection of natives and others arriving from Mexico will be carried on in a wholesale manner.

All Mexican arrivals will get baths of kerosene, gasoline or other agency that will kill off the vermin that spread the disease, and all clothing will be similarly treated. The disease is not contagious, but is transmitted from a person affected to a well person.

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WOMAN KILLS MAN, SHOOTS COMPANION

Mrs. Belzer Commits Suicide
After Attack on Graver
and Other Woman.

INVADES HOTEL ROOM WHERE THEY ARE GUESTS

Sister of Victim Identifies Assailant.
Victim in New York
Criminologist.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., September 27.—A woman who shot and killed J. C. Graver, of New York, yesterday, and then committed suicide in a prominent hotel here early today has been identified as Mrs. Harry Belzer of 315 Euclid avenue, New York, by a sister of the dead man.

This sister, whose name is Mrs. Frances Apman, came here today with Harry V. Fancy of New York, a business partner of Graver. She made the identification at the morgue.

Mrs. Apman told the police Mrs. Belzer's maiden name was Margaret M. Andrews, and that the woman had not been living with her husband recently. Graver, she also told the police, was a widower, and had been friendly with Mrs. Belzer.

From cards found in Mrs. Belzer's handbag the police at first believed she was Mrs. J. C. Le Dur or Le Due. The wounded woman in the hospital, at first supposed to be Graver's wife, has not made any statement. Mrs. Apman will go to the hospital later in the day to see if she can identify her.

Motor Trip From New York.

Graver and his woman companion motored to this city yesterday from New York. They attended a theater last night and returned to their hotel half an hour after midnight. They were unaccompanied, according to hotel employees, and went immediately to their apartments.

Shortly afterward guests on the same floor were startled by four shots. Rushing into the hallway they met the woman registered as Mrs. Graver, who is about twenty-three years old, staggering from her room with a bullet wound in her breast.

She was screaming hysterically. It was impossible to secure a coherent story from her.

Graver was found dead in one corner of his room. The woman who did the shooting, clutching the still smoking revolver in her hand, was in another corner. All were fully dressed.

In Washington on Trip.

Other information from New York is to the effect that Graver and the woman he registered at the hotel as his wife had been in Atlantic City last week and were on their way to Washington.

WINS SIXTH STRAIGHT GAME.

Boston Defeats Pittsburgh, 1 to 0 in
Last Home Contest of Season.

BOSTON, September 27.—Boston won its sixth straight game, 1 to 0, from Pittsburgh today in the last home game of the season. Tyler kept four hits well scattered and was never in danger. The locals got their lone run in the eighth inning on a base on balls, sacrifice hit and a single by Magee.

Score:

Pittsburgh.....0 4 0
Boston.....1 0 0
Batteries—Cooper and W. Wagner;
Tyler, Blackburn and Gowdy.

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Secretary Redfield's Topic in Addressing Boston University Students.
BOSTON, September 27.—Three business maxims that a man must have to succeed were outlined by Secretary of Commerce Redfield in addressing an assembly of students recently at the opening of the new quarters of the college of business administration of Boston University.

"Get facts," he said, "and know your job."

H. V. Mills Voluntary Bankrupt.

A petition for voluntary bankruptcy was filed in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia today by Howard V. Mills, a stereotyper. The petitioner states his debt is \$1,250.00 and his assets \$50 worth of clothing, which he claims as exempt. Attorney Fred A. Penning represents the petitioner.

Germans Release American.

LONDON, September 27.—Isador Polak, an American citizen who was removed by the Germans from the Dutch mail steamer, Hendrik, when the vessel was taken into Zeebrugge last week, has been released, according to a telegram from Amsterdam to Robert P. Skinner, American consul general here.

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Big 17-quart Enamelled Preserving Kettle, with hand bowl, kiln run.

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and 10c for 7 Cakes of Armour's FLOTTA SOAP

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and 33c for Good Quality 50c COUTIL CORSETS

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REFUND TICKET

and 29c for Strip 98c Fleece Blanket

Size 54x72; heavy quality flannel; only fancy borders.

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and 85c for \$1.25 Bolt of Old Glory Longcloth

Yard wide, chambray finish; 10 yards in bolt.

REFUND TICKET

and 14c for 6 Spools Clark's Machine Cotton

Clark's Cotton Brand Spool Cotton; 20 yards on spool; all numbers, black or white.

REFUND TICKET

and 1.35 for Boys' \$2 Sweaters

A good wool sweater in navy and navy blue. Cut full and made with collar attached. Sizes 26 to 34.

REFUND TICKET

and 71c for Women's 12 1/2c LISLE HOSE

Good weight, for use now; fast black only; all sizes.

REFUND TICKET

and 33c for Women's 75c Burson SILK HOSE

Knit-to-fit silk hose; wears well; black and white; all sizes; slightly imperfect.

REFUND TICKET

and 61c for 10c Bleached OUTING FLANNEL

Good heavy grade; 27 inches wide. Very special bargain.

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and 77c for Women's \$1 Kinds Felt Comfort Slippers

In blue, green and white shades.

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and 11c for 23c BABY'S BANDS

Infants' Baby Bands, with Diaper Ties. Full width; the width of the cap.

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Good Quality, Large. Double Red Sheet, from dressing; finished with 3-inch hem.

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New Style Blouses; white voile, lace and gandy. All sizes to 40.

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Pretty pink and blue striped flannels; 27 inches wide; the width of the cap.

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